

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 685 without my signature.

This bill creates another bureaucratic mechanism to add another layer of review to the new construction plan approval process that is unnecessary since federal law already requires that school sites provide sufficient access to all students, regardless of their gender. School districts have an incentive to ensure all of their facilities are Title IX compliant since civil remedies are available to individuals who prevail in proving a district's non-compliance with statutory and regulatory guidelines. Therefore, this bill is unnecessary.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger